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CURRENT COMMENT

BY FREDERIC HEATH

The Social Democratic papers of Germany now have a total of 1,800,000 subscribers.

The gold-heapers will always have praise (and contempt) for burden-bearers who are docile and blind to their own interests and rights.

Your average capitalist is convinced that drink produces poverty—in the workingman. With the shirking man it is different, of course!

Socialists in Japan send word that in that country also, the jingoish war talk comes from individuals who could make money out of an armed conflict.

Gustav Haberman, a member of the Austrian parliament, will start a tour of this country under the auspices of the Bohemian section of the party beginning next Labor Day.

The people of Sisseton, S. D., where there is a Socialist mayor, have concluded to try to meet the liquor problem by socializing it. The experiment will be watched with interest.

The man who works for work's sake is abnormal. He is obsessed by a habit and needs to have his thinking apparatus oiled. Work under ideal conditions would be aimed at making life more livable and the lot of humankind better.

The guinea pig is called thus because it does not come from Guinea and is not a pig. Likewise the International Socialist Review is called by that name because it is not international, is not Socialist and is far from being a review.

There are three thousand men idle in Vancouver, mostly skilled workers and machinists. If the facts were known about many other places a like showing would probably be made, places to which men hunting masters nevertheless continue to flock.

Here is the limit! In Prussia recently the speakers at a Social-Democrat's funeral were arrested for "making political speeches without a permit." This ought to also be a caution to the preachers in Prussia, to keep on safe ground and to never mention political matters in their sermons.

Improving the lot of the working class is the Socialist aim. Every advance in its status of living strengthens it for its great historic mission of ending the capitalist system. The starving man is more apt to take the individualist view than the man with clear mind and the chance for thoughtful contemplation.

Not only has the superintendent of Sing Sing prison been removed for his cruelties to prisoners, but now it is proposed to abandon the old bastille altogether, as being hopelessly insanitary, and to build anew on a larger location. But think of the wrongs committed there all these years in the name of "justice."

The Socialist movement will never be forgiven for apolling the graft of the professional jail-goers and panhandlers in the West Virginia situation. The party spoiled one of the best chances these unsavory birds ever had to go upon the innocent feelings of the Socialists of the country and rake in the coin. Too bad!

Wild animals will turn upon each other when the incentive is strong enough. Capitalism does not give itself away unless it has some end to gain. The Mulhall disclosures in the Chicago Tribune and other capitalist sheets do not indicate a sudden conversion to goodness, but merely a play in capitalist politics. But, when rogues fall out, etc.

Independence day was very generally celebrated, but more as a holiday than as the anniversary of a notable event in the history of the world. Yet the inauguration of political independence ought to be celebrated with understanding and appreciation. And industrial independence is the next great achievement the people are setting for themselves.

The party in Germany has just celebrated its fiftieth jubilee. Its inception began with the Lassalle movement and gained strength and definite direction from Marx and Engels. The Berlin comrades celebrated with fourteen great mass meetings. Recitations, choral songs, and addresses made up the programs. It was a case of "stand-

ing-room only" at all the gatherings.

The New York Socialists, long suffering, have finally taken action against a so-called Socialist Propaganda League, whose sum total of propaganda consisted in getting out one pamphlet sneering at political action, and in fomenting party treachery in various and sundry ways. Party members have been notified that they must leave the league or the party.

Belgian Social-Democrats are following in the victory of their general strike with the political activity that will clinch the strike rights for which the strike contended. The various political propositions are being discussed in great mass meetings that not only determine what the people need but also fill the ruling outfit with proper awe.

Local Butte, Montana has been reorganized by the state committee to break the clutches of a bunch of crazy I. W. W. anarchists. Mayor Durcan, who saw his administration jeopardized, gave out an ultimatum that he would resign unless the incubus was removed. The anarchists are now on the outside of the party, where all violent I. W.'s properly belong.

It is a discouraging thing to see Socialist papers in distress all over the country. The latest one to give up the ghost is the Cleveland Socialist, and others are printing warnings that their last issue is at hand unless something unforeseen happens. All of which might create

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TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN YOUR SON!

Yes, bring out the best in your boy by having him instructed in the trade of man-killing. Is that this government's conception of what is best and noblest in human character? There can be no objection to the government advertising the fact that it desires recruits, but its advertisements should be honest ones, and should not lure young men into the service by false promises. Its big bill board advertisements are cunningly worded and seem to be studious efforts to misrepresent the life of the enlisted man. In the pictures they look as if their

lives were one long drawn out picnic or tourists' dress parade. How different are the facts! The menial, slavish, humiliating dog's life that many find themselves sentenced to after enlistment is indicated by the number who constantly desert. And deserters are hunted down with powder and ball. Their lives are not worth a rush when they are the object of one of these man-hunts. In one of the circulars in front of a recruiting office the following gem of unvarnished criticism of present conditions is found: "Very few men in any large city, who receive a salary of \$75 a month,

have as much as \$15 clear at the end of the month, after paying board bill, room rent, doctor bills, shoe bills, clothing bills, street car fares, deductions for lost time on account of sickness or lack of work, and the payment of insurance policies, as a careful man must do, as a necessary provision against old age needs." Showing that the government is not averse to playing upon all the human miseries of the average young man under capitalism to lure him into the military and naval service. Better things than this should be expected of a nation dedicated to democracy and human right.

a wrong idea as to the ability of the party. But the fault is not with the party but with the utterly reckless way in which many localities have rushed into the newspaper field with no prospect of succeeding.

The truth about the West Virginia situation has been so horrible that the work of the professional sensationalists in manufacturing lies about it has been as criminal as it was unnecessary. With some small specimens, even some with big sounding names, there is the unethical conviction that lies make good "copy." Labor is entitled to the truth at all times, even if a sheet here or there may not be able to dispose of so many copies by avoiding the temptations of false witness.

Local manufacturers in various cities who belong to the National Manufacturers' association, the lobbying and bribing of which has just been exposed, are loud in their claims that they knew of no such work being carried on and that they never heard of Col. Mulhall. All of which suggests something. All along these industrial paragons have been trying to convince the Socialist rank and file that the thing they know as Socialism is not Socialism at all but only so much as the "bosses" of the party allow them to have cognizance of. Rank nonsense, of course, yet here they are themselves caught in an exposure showing just the sort of situation they have been trying to charge up to the Socialist movement. It is to laugh!

The International Socialist (?) Review seeks to belittle the work of the committee sent by the Socialist party to West Virginia, by indicating that the governor released all the court-martial prisoners in that state before the committee got to work. The fact is that the prisoners were released three days after the arrival of the committee and that the fact that a political party had taken a hand in the affair brought it about. Being now committed to the anarchistic attack on political action the so-called Review seeks to hide the impotence of the sabotage professionals who have been fattening their careers on the distress of the miners, by minimizing the political committee's achievement.

clear that Baritz' claim is spurious. A Baritz is completely put to rout, for instance, by the famous so-called Erfurt program, the party platform adopted in 1891. He is put to rout by the program adopted at Gotha by the German Social-Democrats in 1875, when the wings of Socialism came together as the beginning of the great Social-Democratic movement in Germany, that is today so powerful.

In the Gotha program the fifth of the demands in the program of the platform reads: "Universal and equal popular education by the state (like our American public school system). Universal compulsory education. Free instruction in all forms of art. Declaration that religion is a private matter."

In the Erfurt program we find this as the sixth section: "Declaration that religion is a private matter. Abolition of all expenditure from public funds upon ecclesiastical and religious objects (thus standing for the separation of church and state). Ecclesiastical and religious bodies to be regarded as private associations, which order their affairs independently."

For the benefit of those who may imagine that a Baritz really presents the classical party stand on the religious question, Wilhelm Liebknecht's comment on this proposition may be quoted in part. Liebknecht, one of the founders, with Marx and Engels of modern Socialism, says in his "Socialism, What It Is, What It Seeks to Accomplish," the following:

"You know how the Social-Democracy is represented as a red spectre, how the ecclesiastical associations say of us that we are a party of atheists, and that the Social-Democracy would forcibly take religion from everyone and violently crush the church. In order to take the foundation from and to break the point of these demagogic slanders and pious falsehoods, we state here that the regulation of religious matters lies with each individual, and we declare religion to be a private matter. The Social-Democracy as such has absolutely nothing to do with religion. Every man has the right to think and believe what he will and no one has the right to molest or limit another in his thoughts or beliefs, or to allow anyone's opinions to be a disadvantage to him in any way. Opinions and beliefs can only be opposed against when they become converted into pernicious and unlawful acts, as for example with certain bigoted sects. But the opinions and beliefs in themselves must be free, perfectly free. We as Social-Democrats must respect them."

And he goes on to even advise against scoffing at beliefs, but adds that this tolerance stops where the church may attempt to meddle with the free schools and with free education.

It is well to quote Liebknecht on this subject, since he himself was a freethinker. He had his personal views and respected the personal views of others. He was willing to accord others the same right of private conscience that he demanded for himself. In his case Baritz cannot claim that we have been quoting a Christian's representations of the relation between Socialism and religion. The matter is very simple. Socialism deals with its own field. A bigoted Baritz may look forward to a Socialist state where religious persons would be persecuted for opinion's sake, but not so a mighty Liebknecht, and not so the international Socialist movement. Under Socialism no man would be ordered off the earth because of his private beliefs. The very idea would be ridiculous. All such an idea is good for is for a demagogical Collins or Goldstein to frighten unthinking men with, or for a Baritz to brandish as an ultimatum of his infallible custodianship of all Socialist morals and verities.

SOCIALISTS ADVOCATE REAL CITIZEN SOLDIERY

IN view of the growth of Socialism the world over, it is of general interest and of importance to the country to know the position of the Socialists as to standing armies and navies.

To begin with, I want to say most emphatically that the Socialists do not want our people to be defenseless or to be dependent upon the good will of any other nation at any time. We want the people of our country to be in a position to take care of themselves at all times. We know that treaties and written instruments are of very little account if they are not backed up by sufficient force and power.

Furthermore, we know that no nation in history that was totally disarmed ever remained a free nation. We know that whenever a nation was conquered the first measure taken by the victors was to disarm the conquered. We know all that.

Therefore I believe in an armed nation—armed, however, for defense only. I believe in a people invincible for defense, but slow, awkward, and of no use for conquest or aggression.

A standing army means a standing preparation for war. There are better things to prepare for than war.

We are spending nearly \$400,000,000 annually in preparation for war or as the result of former wars. The figures which I have given do not include the expenditures for the militia of the various States.

It is useless for certain very well-meaning men to cry "Peace, peace, peace," when they are voting millions and millions of dollars every year for war. We shall finally get what we are preparing for.

Why should the United States prepare for war? Who is going to attack us? Are the Canadians going to attack us? Will the Mexicans attack us?

We are separated from the rest of the world, by two great oceans. In other words, we are in a better position to dispense with standing armies than any other nation in the world's history ever was. There is no question about that.

A standing army always brings before my vision the danger of the man on horseback. No republic in the history of the world has ever very long survived a standing army. There is the real danger.

Switzerland has no standing army. The initial training of the Swiss militia is carried out in recruiting schools. The schooling period is now 65 days for the infantry, engineers, and foot artillery; 75 days for field artillery; and 90 days for cavalry, of which Switzerland has only about 5,000.

The subsequent training, called the "repetition course," is 11 days annually. But after going through seven courses further attendance is excused for all men under the rank of sergeant. The "Landwehr" men are called out only once for

training during the entire eight years.

But every Swiss militiaman must serve a rifle course annually during the entire 20 years. There are numerous shooting societies and shooting ranges all over the country for that purpose.

We should have such a system here. Both Washington and Jefferson believed in a citizen soldiery and a mere skeleton of an army. In Washington's time the Regular Army was reduced to about 2,000 men.

We could readily and without any harm to ourselves reduce our regularly employed Army to the 25,000 officers and men which constituted its strength from shortly after the Civil War until 1898.

That Army was sufficient to quell the Sioux, the Apaches, the Utes and other Indians. That number would be more than sufficient for any present need, since the last Indian war has been fought. Instead of voting \$93,000,000 that could be better used in a thousand other ways, this Congress should organize a military system like that of the Swiss, and select a commission of trained military men to carry the measure into effect.

I favor every citizen being trained in military knowledge. I favor every man being made capable of and trained to defend our freedom in case of need. And I am also in favor of every citizen engaging in useful and peaceful pursuits permanently. I am against all standing armies.

VICTOR L. BERGER

WILL THERE BE CHRISTIANS UNDER SOCIALISM? UNDOUBTEDLY, YES

(From the Duluth News Tribune, June 14, 1913.)

To the Editor of the News Tribune: My attention has been called to a paragraph in a recent issue of your paper in which you detail an incident wherein 50 Socialists (?) of Bemidji endeavor to "evangelize" the evangelist named I. E. Honeywell, saying that Socialism has nothing to do with atheism. The timidity on the part of those in allowing the subject to be sidetracked is on a par with their ignorance of Socialism.

Permit me, sir, as a Socialist—one who has had some considerable experience of the propaganda on both sides of the Atlantic ocean, and both sides of the border—to say that if the Bemidji Socialists want to debate this question I will be willing to take up the subject and affirm that a Man Can Not Conscientiously Believe in a God or Be a Christian and Remain a Socialist.

First of all the whole idea of Christian salvation is to a Socialist nothing more or less than a farce. The sooner the Socialists of the United States realize this and clean up their ranks of those who worship Christ the better.

The cowardly attitude of the United States Socialist party is on a par with their reactionary policy throughout the states. I hope the Socialists of Bemidji will be manly enough to accept my challenge and not look in the background, threatening men who do not understand the Marxian materialistic conception of history.

A letter of acceptance to me at the Winnipeg will be eagerly awaited. But while this publication is sufficient, personally I will not let such a matter drop.

MOSES BARITZ, Winnipeg, Man., June 9.

and be does as the rest have done. Or he is a theosophist, or a something else.

Socialism being an economic

question all men are welcome. We do not interfere in matters of conscience. But we urge them not to mix their isms, and that's about as

far as we can go. Several years ago a chap named Baritz, who was organizer for a Socialist party then existing in

AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS' ASSN. EXPOSED

The big sensation of the past week was the exposure of lobbying with incidental bribery on the part of the National Manufacturers' Association, the aggregation of Parry, Post, Van Cleave and Kirby, organized years ago to break up trade unionism in this country. Col. M. M. Mulhall made the disclosures, which were printed in several capitalist papers, such as the Chicago Tribune and the like, and an investigation by congress will follow, since the working up of the sensation is charged up to the administration effort to put through its measure regarding the tariff.

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It was aided in other ways by President Taft, knowingly or unwittingly, while its list of lawmakers on whom it could depend

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was a long one, including the following:

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- Senator Nelson of Minnesota.
- Ex-Senator Hemenway of Indiana.
- Speaker Cannon.
- Congressman Dwight, the Republican "whip" of the house from 1899 to 1911.
- Ex-Congressman James E. Turner of Minnesota.
- Ex-Congressman J. Adam Bede of Minnesota.
- Senator Lodge of Massachusetts.
- Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin.
- Ex-Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island.
- Senator Townsend of Michigan.
- Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire.
- Congressman Webb of North Carolina.
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THE STARTLING EXPOSURES OF THE CORRUPT PARRY-KIRBY CROWD

Intercepted at San Francisco by a summons from the United States senate, John Kirby, Jr., and David M. Parry, former presidents of the National Manufacturers' association, have been compelled to abandon their trip to New Zealand, where they purposed to study "state Socialism," and proceed to Washington where a phase of modern capitalism is to be placed under investigation.

The embarrassing confession by Col. Mulhall, who for a long period of years served as lobbyist and corruptionist for the National Manufacturers' association, has necessitated an inquiry by congress that it may vindicate itself in the eyes of the people.

When they shall have testified, Kirby and Parry will be permitted to resume their interrupted investigation of "state Socialism" in New Zealand. They will find much to displease them. The state has engaged in many activities. It owns the railways and the telephones and telegraphs. It provides life insurance and is engaged in banking. Land is accessible to those who desire to till it. Profits are curtailed and the opportunities for exploiting labor limited.

"State Socialism" is very bad. Socialism in any form is repugnant to citizens who through their ability and foresight and industry have accumulated millions of giving employment to labor and profiting from the public's necessities.

The National Manufacturers' association is determined that no such course shall fall upon the United States. It is organized to crush labor unions and wipe out Socialism. Its field is wherever a Socialist is a candidate for office or a workingman endeavoring to better his condition.

The type of men who have been active in the National Manufacturers' association is the very type of manufacturer that has been active in Milwaukee in municipal politics. Their methods are the same. Their

"nonpartisan" activities, their taxpayers' leagues and voters' leagues and "select committees" are only the lesser reflections of the organizations through which they have operated at Washington.

The New York World, in reviewing the association's related infamies, was struck with the fact that it was free from partisan prejudice. It could be Democrat or Republican or both, as in Milwaukee, with equal facility. The World recites—

Possessing some of the resources of a political party, the National Association of Manufacturers attempted to exercise its power in secret and on all sides. It bullied labor. It dodged capital. Yet it claimed to represent labor as well as capital. It was Republican in some places and Democratic in others. It had rewards to bestow and pains to inflict, as its correspondence now proves.

In its finances it followed the methods of commercialized politics. It collected money from manufacturers for various uses. Some of it went to fight labor unions, to bribe their leaders and to carry on costly litigation. Some of it was used to elect friends of the association to congress and some of it to bring about the defeat of enemies. In the "corruption" thus exerted in behalf of plutocratic industry, we can find no difference, morally, from that maintained for so long a time by the McNamees, who are now in the pastures. Many, disingenuous, have been elected to the National Association of Manufacturers, but under their halcyon and interests have been dynamited as truly as any of the victims of the structural iron workers' plot that was formed at Indianapolis. It was not fair politics. It was final play. Those who obeyed were protected and favored. Those who resisted were blown up and out of public life, if money and men and treachery and falsehood could do it.

The Chicago Tribune, which was jointly instrumental in giving publicity to the confession, reveals the impression that the disclosures have made upon it. Without mincing its words, the Tribune says:—

The organized business touched by the Mulhall exposure is found at work in a vicious secrecy, commanding its agents not to be seen with the men for whom and with whom they were working. The voters never were to be allowed to see the strings which operated the puppets they elected to represent them. They know from what source came the money which helped their candidates to obtain election. They were not to have any means of tracing an act from cause to effect.

TRAINING AMERICAN COLLEGE YOUTHS FOR MURDER GAME

BY R. A. DAGUE.

(Written for The Herald.)

The following announcement was recently sent out by the Associated Press:

"Washington, D. C.—College men under the plan devised by the War Department, will be organized into a reserve corps of officers available for the command of volunteer troops in case of war. Secretary Garrison and Major General Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff, would establish two camps of instruction, one at Gettysburg, and the other at the Presidio at Monterey, Cal., where the students would be sent to be placed under direct instruction of regular army officers who will be detailed to the two posts.

"Under the plans, students volunteering for instruction and drawn from the Eastern and Southern Universities would be transported to Gettysburg, while those from other sections of the country would go to the Pacific coast. The plan has been carefully worked out and able-bodied students over seventeen years of age will be given opportunity to learn the duties of an officer in command of men."

Only a few weeks ago the announcement was made that "an Army League of the United States" had been organized, the object of which is to secure legislation authorizing the creating of an immense federal army, and now we are informed that college boys are to be given military training.

It is very evident that David Starr Jordan was correct in the statement he recently made that "a very great effort is being made the world over to fill the air with war talk."

I warn innocent college students and all boys against the efforts to inculcate them with the virus of war—murder! Bright uniforms, glistening bayonets, waving flags, the glorious strains of music from the military bands, the gold lace and prancing steeds are inspiring—but these things are not war—no, no!

My pen is too feeble to tell you of the awful realities of war. I can only say that the soldier is expected to obey his officers. But now look: Over there, beyond the ravine, are thousands of other boys, not one of whom you have ever seen, or who has ever done you any harm. They are nearly all working boys.

Now you are ordered by an officer to rush at them like demons and to run your bayonets through their hearts, to slash open their skulls with your sabres, and with the butt ends of your guns beat out their brains! The battle is on! Oh, God! What a spectacle! It is a sight to make angels weep. Now the cannons roar, the bullets hiss, the shells scream, ridersless horses, mutilated and bleeding, gallop madly over the field; the yells and curses and groans of men rend the air. Here in one place where a shell has exploded are hundreds of boys. Many are headless; some have their limbs torn off. Many are seen with internal organs protruding from mutilated bodies; blood and brains are bespattered on trees and rocks and ground. Everywhere are crawling, writhing youths, crying, moaning, dying; with limbs shattered or shot away. Some have had their eyes shot out, while the faces of others were torn away. All are blood-spattered and some have suddenly gone insane. Over there is a poor boy, one leg gone, part of his face shot away, totally blind. See; he is clutching the earth with his bloody stiffening fingers and he is crying: "Mother! mother! mother!" There, he is dead.

Now, why is all this fendshipness? Who is responsible for this greatest of all curses that makes a literal hell in this world? Is there any good reason why these kind-hearted farmer boys and college students should suddenly become such inhuman murderers—such veritable fiends?

No; there is no reason. They are deluded by kings and czars and greedy plutocrats who lust for more territory or larger markets or bigger profits, or who want to steal something from a neighboring nation. They are the stock-watering brand of Christian statesmen. They are the

We feel you a hundred barrels of flour Each time you roar. Your flame is fed

With twenty thousand leaves of bread. Silence! A million hungry men Seek bread to fill their mouths again."

A magazine writer says that the official reports show that the cost of militarism in the United States for the fifteen months ending June 30, 1909, was greater than the total value of all the books, libraries, lands, grounds, buildings, furniture, scientific apparatus, machinery and all the endowments, all the investment and all productive funds of all kinds belonging to all our universities and higher institutions of learning. About seventy per cent. of the nation's aggregate income is being spent for past wars and the preparations for war.

Now, let me say to the men who propose to go to my boy in college, to poison his mind by inculcating him with the war virus, that I look upon him as my implacable enemy. Rather would I that he lets loose upon me a mad dog or a venomous viper or

makes a murderous assault upon my person. I would prefer that he stab me in the heart or crush me my skull till the brains ooz out and I am dead, than to have him by his deceptive sophistry, persuade my boy that it is a glorious thing to be a professional soldier; and, at the command of some officer, go forth to assault, shoot, stab and kill other human beings and fill the earth with the lamentations of mothers, the cries of orphans and the hospital and homes with crippled—fellow-mortals, too, against whom he has no grievance.

There is no necessity for the leading nations of the earth to expend seventy-two per cent. of the national income for war materials. The time has come for disarmament. The world has had the teachings of Jesus 2,000 years. This filling the air with war talk by the lingoists should be shut off. The politicians and heartless grafters who are trying to keep alive the war spirit should be sent into oblivion. The military men who are forming an "Army League of the United States"

THE ACCIDENT OF BIRTH.

BY LEONARD DAVIS COLLESTER. My brother sat on a park bench. And the rain beat on his head; His body was racked with sickness. And he had not meat nor bread.

The placid passed in his motor. And chancing to see him, said: "Go to the city's kitchen and get some food. My sister walked the pavement— Waiked in the sleet and the rain— She was weary and hungry; And she walked the streets for gain."

The daughter of many millions Rolled by to a dinner dance, And she turned her eyes from the loathsome thing. It might have been she, perchance!

My brother stood in the prisoner's dock. And heard his sentence: "For life!" He was sullen and dwarted from starvation. And the judge who read the sentence Was sleek and smug, so knew. But for the accident of birth, He might have stood there, too! —Coming Nation.

POISONED BY OUR SOLDIERY.

Cristobal Manalang is a Filipino medical student at the Marquette university and his rooming place is the Rectory Mission. Mr. Manalang intends to specialize in pathological tropical diseases, and as soon as he graduates will return to the islands to be of service to his people. Manalang is 22 years old and is a native of Manila. He is a brother of Dr. Jose P. Manalang, one of the first native Filipino physicians, and a graduate of the Philippine university.

According to the Milwaukee brother, the introducing the government can crush out the love for independence among the natives. "The United States government deserves great credit for establishing thousands of educational institutions in our country," said the junior medical student. "But it has introduced the modern educational system in all the towns of the island, which were hitherto foreign. We have about 4,000 public schools, libraries, technical colleges, a normal school and a university."

"Under the Spanish rule the people learned from the priests and nobles to be lazy. It was a shame to do any useful work. Laziness was the symbol of aristocracy. A man would rather sit at home and do nothing than to the United States our people now realize that there is no greater honor than to work."

Manalang praises the local government for introducing the educational system into the islands. At the island, and at the same time he denounces the rule of the United States, which he holds responsible for spreading all kinds of vices and evils which were formerly foreign to his country.

"There is no such thing as pauperism in our land," said the student. "No one has ever heard of a man dying of starvation. There was no real distress at Manila or any other place until the United States soldiers landed there. Intoxication, vice, venereal diseases and other evils are the gifts of the American soldiery. No, our people were free from these evils until the United States government came to the Philippines and introduced the American soldiers if they would harm themselves and not spread the plague among the sons and daughters of the natives."

"The young students of today realize that we are confronted with the good and bad sides of civilization. My colleagues in the United States are studying in order to be able to elevate our race."

The Philippine islands are not much smaller than Japan, which has a population of 50,000,000, while we have but 8,000,000. Our country is rich with minerals, woods and crops."

Manalang is a graduate of the Manila Normal school. He is not pointed by the government to be the case with many of his brethren, but is working his way through school. He is a specialized technical

THE GREAT SAVONAROLA.

The first great religious reformer, Girolamo Savonarola, the herald and forerunner of the reformation of the sixteenth century, was put to death 45 years ago May 23, 1498. Savonarola was born of a noble family in 1452 and at 22 entered the Dominican order at Bologna, a preacher he declared against the sinfulness of the times and won a large following. When he was about 40 his preaching began to assume a political character, pointing to a political revolution in Florence and Italy as the divinely ordained means for the regeneration of religion and morality. As a result, a republic was established in Florence, of which Savonarola was the guiding spirit, although without political office. He attempted to make Florence a Christian commonwealth and sternly repressed all manifestations of vice. His violence and the extremes of his criticism drew upon him the displeasure of Rome and he was forbidden to preach. His sentence of excommunication followed his denunciation of the orders of his superiors and he was placed on trial, tortured into avowals he afterward withdrew and convicted of heresy and sedition. The sentence of death passed upon him was carried out at Rome and he, with two disciples, was given over to the secular power. On May 23, 1498, Savonarola and his two companions were strangled and their bodies burned by the executioner.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

ASKS "IS IT TRUE?"

Have you read Henry Ashton? One day a woman, a cultured, educated woman, known to me in the United States as the author of books, said to Mr. Dague, the author of this well-known Socialist book, "I wish there were a book that would present the case of a woman as you have been talking about, so that a woman as well as a man could grasp it off-hand." This gave Comrade Dague his idea, and in time he produced "Henry Ashton." He wrote it for men readers, but in such way also that women would be interested to it. Since its publication it has converted many women to Socialism. The other day its author received a letter from a housewife in Oakland, Cal., in which she wrote:—

"R. A. Dague:—Dear Sir: Have just finished your book, Henry Ashton. Now I want to ask is any of that true? If so, what part? Where is that island? How far from Frisco? Do they really have Socialism there? If so, I am ready to go there to live. If your book is fiction it surely sounds like the truth any way. I am going to send the book to my sister in Kansas, with a request to pass it on. If it isn't true, there is a glorious vision there. Yours very truly, Mrs. A. E. W. P. S. You may be a busy man, so I will enclose a postal for reply."

A reading of above letter may make you feel that you ought to read this remarkable little book. And so you ought. You will find it advertised elsewhere in this issue.

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama.—This city is run on the commission government plan by three commissioners. Clement R. Wood, member of the Socialist party, was until recently judge of the recorder's court. The building trades of Birmingham are on strike. The mayor has been removed for refusing to allow the police court to be used as a weapon to break the strike, and for speaking at a mass meeting of the strikers.

It is an extraordinary fact that when people come to what is commonly called high words, they generally use low language.

The congressman, placed under heavy obligations, became a creature without personal judgment. He did not represent the constituents who elected him, but the interests which swaddled him, and the influence which controlled him, was not known.

The phrase "invisible government" hits it perfectly. If it had been less vicious in some of its work than the exposure indicates it would be damaging because it was an attempt to control legislation by hidden means and thus avoid responsibility.

Though it had no share in the exposures, Mr. Hearst's newspaper, The Examiner, voices its condemnation of the manufacturing interests which have constituted the organization. It says:

The whole campaign of the N. A. M.—a campaign lasting years and never ending—was one of debauchery. Pages in congress, assumed to be innocent young boys, were corrupted into spies. Men who owed their places to the faith of organized labor in their honesty were bought; whenever they were purchasable.

If a man could be reached through his weakness, so much the easier for the N. A. M. If he could not be, the word went forth for his destruction.

The National Manufacturers' association does not differ in the least from other capitalistic organizations when they are moved to political action. Money is their weapon. Where they do not buy outright, they command. They are business. They are sound finance. They are faith and morals. They are religion and the family. They are the constitution and the flag. Their interests are vested and their title holy.

The World and The Tribune and The Examiner may denounce the National Manufacturers' association and be profoundly shocked at the corruption exposed, but they dare not face the fact that it is capitalism that stands in the pillory.

Exposures have followed exposures. Bribery, corruption, fraud and theft have been found wherever wealth has accumulated. They are as essential to the existing order as the means of war and the hope of a hereafter.—The Milwaukee Leader.

IT HAPPENED IN MILWAUKEE

Home Rule Victory.

The home rule bill will undoubtedly pass the legislature within a few days and then will be registered a victory for the Social-Democratic party, inasmuch as it was the first political party to launch the movement for home rule for Milwaukee several years ago.

About 10 months ago Alderman John Koerber, Jr., Social-Democrat, introduced a resolution which the common council adopted, directing that the city attorney start action for home rule. City Attorney Hoan, Social Democrat, desired to petition the legislature to extend to the city the right to regulate street car service and other public utilities. This was turned down by the common council. Hoan's second move was for the indorsement by the legislature of a bill that he submitted. This bill later became known as the Manning bill, because Manning chanced to introduce it, although he did not put a word into it. A constitutional amendment suggested by the legislature was adopted, which the legislature passed.

The bill gives as much home rule as it is possible to obtain without amending the constitution. It provides that whenever there is a doubt as to the right to change its charter despite the fact that it was declared to be unconstitutional by Senator Winfield R. Gaylord.

Two years ago the state legislature passed a bill giving Milwaukee the right to change its charter despite the fact that it was declared to be unconstitutional by Senator Winfield R. Gaylord.

"If you desire to find the enemy of true patriotism, do not look to the men who are honestly attempting to improve the economic, social, or political conditions," declared City Attorney Daniel W. Hoan in his Fourth of July talk on "True Patriotism," delivered at Franklin square.

Do not look to those who would lightly throw the cause of poverty and who, to achieve those ends, would alter or change government.

"If you would find the enemy of true patriotism, go with me to West Virginia. There you will discover a very form of human oppression. You will find government administrators without tremor solely for the mire owners."

"You will find on the other hand those who are fighting for the inalienable right to be thrown like cattle into dungeons and bull pens. There you will not only find tyranny, but you will discover penance, slavery, crime, debauchery, starvation and oppression in its vilest forms."

"If there were no more power, either in the ownership of mines or the administration of government, patriots? No. Shame on their dishonesty of purpose and subservience to gold! Such are the men who make revolutions possible."

"If you would find the enemy of true patriotism, seek out those who would corrupt government with their filthy cash. Find those who would turn over our institutions to the aristocracy for a mess of pottage. Look to the man who would force his weaker sister into debauchery by low wages. Seek out the one who would take the child from school and place it in the factory. In short, find the man whose selfishness drives him to make the most of the wealth in existence regardless of human suffering and want."

"True patriotism, moreover, does not mean hatred of foreign nations. The day is not far distant when nations may be secured by each to the whole product of his labor, and if one honestly believes that our present institutions do not secure or accomplish this object, then it is the right of the people, if they so choose, to set aside such institutions as to meet that requirement, and in so doing they are exercising that inalienable right which has been handed to them, after ages of struggle, and in written form in the declaration of independence."

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is the most called for speaker on the Socialist Platform today. He can tell all our towns of the calls upon him for dates. This is not all. Ameringer is a better speaker than hundreds of others, but he has his unique way of putting things before the people.

Ameringer has spent considerable time speaking in Milwaukee. The people never grow tired of listening to him.

When he reaches the place where he cannot reach with his voice, he has the substance of his lectures in several pamphlets.

The title of the latest one just off the press is:

"Communism, Socialism and the Church"

Millions of stoop American men and women who have lately become interested in the subject of Socialism are confused and bewildered owing to the attitude and attacks on Socialism by spokesmen of the church.

Ameringer's new book is just the thing to put into the hands of people seeking after the truth concerning the relation of Socialism, Communism and Religion.

All readers of the Herald who have read Ameringer's "Socialism, What It Is and How to Get It," of which barely a quarter of a million have been sold during the past eighteen months and still selling better than any other pamphlet on the market, will know what to expect from Ameringer on the burning question of Socialism, Communism and the Church.

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The price is 10 cents a copy, 75 cents per dozen, \$6.00 per hundred. Or by mail \$1.00 Amerigave Pamphlet Co. has asserted, that each of his three great pamphlets, "Life and Death of Uncle Sam," "Socialism, What It Is and How to Get It," and "The Pamphlet on Socialism, Communism and the Church," for \$3.00. Every Socialist would should have at least a mixed order of one hundred of these pamphlets to sell, give or lend to the community.

These books will make Socialists out of Non-Socialists. They will clear away the fog of misunderstanding which has clouded the eyes of the citizen. They will be read and re-read by people who could be induced to read any other book.

The best investment any Socialist local or literature agent can make is to put \$5.00 in a hundred asserted Amerigave pamphlets.

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must get permission from the government to build an intake into the lake, and also to cut 4,000 feet from shore, so that the company will be competing with the city in furnishing water, and must secure permission from the rate commission, and that the company has not secured permission to cross one of the city streets with the pipes.

"I do not wish to appear in the night of interfering with the company's business but believe the council should appoint a committee to confer with the officers of the company," says the mayor.

"The time might come when the city would have to build a lake intake

**"Communism,
Socialism and the
Church"**

The council named the fire and water committee to investigate.

TERRE HAUTE.—Eugene V. Debs, recent Socialist candidate for president, is today sheltering in his home Helen Cox, daughter of a Methodist preacher, prominent in Indiana, who had been arrested for vagrancy. He took her from the city jail.

All Terre Haute is very much stirred by Debs' challenge to "Christianity and hypocrites to come into the light of their true colors to live up to the standards they have professed or to admit that their charity is only a cloak."

Debs after publicly announcing that he would open his home to the girl and her suit must be received by friends of his family as one of his children, issued what he called his "challenge to the Christianity of Terre Haute."

Recently the girl, along with the son of a prominent family was married.

Later the young man divorced her and took her child away from her. The girl's true story was arrested on the street and had to wait in jail for three days when Debs was permitted, as an emergency probation officer, to take her home with him.

"This girl has been persecuted," declared Debs in a public statement. "Will Terre Haute help her, or will its organized force be used to drive her to desperation?"

"The Terre Haute ask, 'What would Christ do?'"

"Our family has opened our home to her."

"The police have told her that she must keep off the streets or go to the red light district. Do the police mean to get recruits for the red light district? If that is the police policy toward women, then to be consistent the police should compel immoral men who stand on the streets to stay in the red light district. The men who lust after women are more dangerous to society than women."

It is time for this pitiless cruelty to stop. Why not war on the immoral people in high life instead of persecuting this penniless girl?"

Mrs. Debs, in accordance with her husband's wishes, refused to allow for publication. It is known, however, that the girl was taken into the Debs home with Mrs. Debs' full accord.

Minna Kautsky. aged 75, mother of Karl Kautsky, the widely known writer on Socialism, died recently. Minna Kautsky began life as an actress, and her health failing, she took up journalism and became a prolific writer for the Socialist press. Her husband, Kautsky, was exceedingly popular for their descriptions of proletarian and bourgeois life, their healthy outlook, their steadfast faith in the triumph of Socialism, and not least for their fresh humor. Up to the time of Kautsky's confinement to write, and a short time ago surprised her friends with a little comedy.

Socialism is a building that rears on the ruins of the old and sacred. Interpreting the metaphor, it is based on materialism, but in the end will lead the world to higher ethical and spiritual development.

